

REMARKS

This amendment is filed in response to the final Office Action dated March 13, 2008, and constitutes a submission for the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination. In the final Office Action, the Examiner rejected all pending claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for his time and thoughtful consideration during the interview on April 1, 2008. During that interview the Examiner suggested that the inclusion of one or more features described in Applicants' specification might render allowable claims. Those features are referenced in the Interview Summary dated April 8, 2008, and include (i) using a public key algorithm to authenticate a smaller portion of downloaded code and then checking the remainder with a non-public key algorithm, and (ii) first downloading a small program authenticated by the server public key which then downloads further code using symmetric keys. In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicants accordingly have amended Claims 10 and 25 to recite the first of these features, and have amended Claim 19 to recite the second of these features. Claim 31 has further been amended to recite both of these features. These amendments serve to further distinguish Applicants' invention from the cited references. Claims 32-33 have been deleted to remove redundancy. Claims 16-18, 21-24, 29-30 and 37-39 have been deleted to focus on the remaining method claims. No new matter has been added as the noted features are described in Applicants' specification at page 23, lines 16-30.

One or more of the noted features are now present in each independent claim still presented in this application (Claims 10, 19, 25 and 31). Those claims, and all claims depending therefrom, are accordingly allowable and Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the §103(a) rejections.

Applicants have amended Claims 10, 19, 25 and 31 and deleted non-method claims from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by the non-method claims or by Claims 10, 19, 25 and 31 prior to this Amendment is not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner. The claims were amended and others deleted solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the potentially allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue claims, including the

subject matter encompassed by the non-method claims and by Claims 10, 19, 25 and 31, as presented prior to this Amendment, and additional claims, in one or more continuing applications.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to advance the prosecution of this application by amending claims and deleting others. In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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